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Filing Date	June 20, 2001
First Named Inventor	Rosario Ciancimino et al.
Art Unit	1746
Examiner Name	Joseph Perrin
Attorney Docket Number	US20000147

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 31, 2003 and the Advisory Action dated October 3, 2003, please find submitted herewith a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Applicants request that the Amendment filed on September 18, 2003 be entered and the arguments presented therein be considered. Applicants believe the changes presented in the Amendment filed on

September 18, 2003 place the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of claims 1-20 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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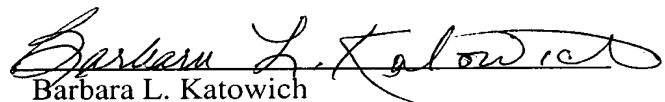
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